

The Dead Horse DISPATCH

December 2010

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Volunteer Woodmen at Work



Our great camp hosts are once again cutting wood. Not an easy task as many of the stumps we are cutting are extremely heavy and don't fit onto the wood splitter well. The winter folks are hard at it now. Many of us do it on our days off, as it's not easy to coordinate a crew otherwise.

Submitted by Doug Palosaari



The Lagoons at DHRSP were closed due to the washes running heavily.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4hq2-VTjEQ>
 Video of the cleanup from Ranger Randy Victory



Animal Rescue

Eric & Jake (in one of their more serious moments) transport an injured duck to the Sedona Wildlife Center.

Randy Victory



Pumpkin Head, Bill Warner.
 submitted by Doug Palasaari



Susan and Bruce Williamson
 We both retired in May 2008 and hit the road in June. We return "home" to California twice a year to see our family and the rest of the time, home is wherever we happen to be parked. Life is definitely good! I just updated my website and thought you might want to check it out. To visit, just click on the link below or paste the URLs into your browser.

Journal <http://web.me.com/sgwilliamson1>
 Look in the blog... I hope you enjoy the Mountain Lion as much as we did... what an experience!



A "Change of Venue"

Keith & Judi Mangels (The Manglers!!)

Laurie Blitsch (Miss Spider) Hopefully you'll post your whereabouts on the "web" or drop us a "line". We will miss you!! And THANK-YOU AGAIN for the years of service and dedication you have provided to DHRSP. Eric

We are going to miss you, Miss Laurie! Seems like bits and pieces of the "old family" keep falling by the wayside, including Keith and Judi. But everything changes and we welcome the new folks coming to help at the park. Keep in touch, let us know what fabulous things you are all doing, and we will see you somewhere along the trail. Nan



Douglas Palosaari

10-13 For anyone wanting to know what the current costs are of camping, I've put together a small chart showing my camping fees. Basically campsites and fuel charges. Food was not included, as hopefully you know your own monthly food costs. Feel free to forward to anyone interested in camping costs.

10-30 I was all set to leave Cottonwood when Bill Warner was able to get me a 1st class ticket on board the Verde Valley Train on of all days, Halloween. Bill, known as Pumpkin Head for the day, greeted us and even got us pre-boarded on the train.

"Still Living the Dream, traveling the highways and byways"

<http://rovingreportsbydoug.blogspot.com>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/douglas.palosaari>



Emerson Trushel

A good friend sent me this email, thought you might be able to use it in the volunteer news-letter.

It's a great chuckle for us "seniors". Thanks!!

As they say in computer speak,,, this one made me LMAO.



A good laugh for people in the over 50 group !!

When I bought my Blackberry I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space. That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world. My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do toot a lot. The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them in with me. Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual." It's their turn to stare at me with a blank look.

Fred Wishnie

Blog at <http://mytripjournal.com/wanderingwishnies>

Full time since Feb 06 in Carriage Cameo 35KS3 and Ford F350

"If all you ever do is all you've ever done, then all you'll ever get is all you ever got."



Such fun you have and thank you so much for taking the time and talent to keep everyone in the loop. I truly enjoy the newsletter each month... Hugs, Susan B. Beach, Asst Coord VBNFestival.

Volunteers Judy & Gale Schmidt Go Above and Beyond the Call of Duty



Former Raven Loop Campground Hosts Gale & Judy Schmidt are still reaching out to DHRSP, even though they're 120 miles away!

Gale & Judy recently did some legwork on their own, and negotiated a deal for the purchase of a 1994 EZ-GO golf cart and a pull-behind trailer. The golf cart was purchased by the DHRSP volunteers for a mere \$300.00. Both Gale and golf cart repairman, Bill LaFleur, said that the 1994 EZ-GO was well worth the purchase price. Gale also re-upholstered the golf cart seat at no charge, and then personally drove all the way from Mesa, AZ to deliver the treasure. Gale was the former owner of an upholstery shop and donated his time and talent to us yet once again.

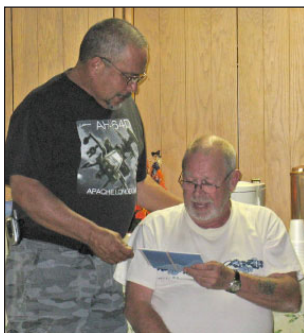
"The timing couldn't have been any better," stated Volunteer Coordinator Eric Buzonas. "We have a 1974 Club Car golf cart that is far beyond repair. Bill LaFleur did his best to keep it running over the past few years, however it was no longer cost effective to keep it any longer."

"Old Blue is now officially retired," stated Bill LaFleur. "We'll miss that gal!" he said. Thank you again Gale & Judy for keeping DHRSP in working order!! We would also like to thank Paul & Jane Edwards for reducing the selling price on their EZ-GO; Wayne & Penney Belonger for donating the pull-behind cart; and Duane & Nola Krier for donating the use of their trailer to haul the above-mentioned items.

Hats off to all of you!! (Eric Buzonas, Host Coordinator-Dead Horse Ranch State Park)



Bill Turner makes the DHRSP News: Saturday night, October 2, 5 pm, at the Greenway Studio



(left - presentation by Max to Bill) (right - the chow lineup!) submitted by Linda Hauk

There was a great turnout for Bill's Goodbye Party ... at least 30 people. We had a pot luck dinner and it was all so delicious. Several people roasted Bill with some great "do you remember when" stories with lots of laughter to follow. It was clear how much Bill is liked and will be missed, not only by the turn out of folks, but the many nice things said and stories told. Keep in touch Bill!



Volunteer
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Eric's Notes



Volunteer News Coming & Goings

* Bob & Toni Mann Raven Loop, Dec 1st
* Susan & Bruce Williamson, Jan 1st
* Gordon & Betty Lawrick leaving Nov 30th
Heading to Scottsdale, AZ (We'll miss you!!)
FYI: Ranger Justin Swiger will return mid Dec;
Tim Kristoff is now Asst. Manager at Lost
Dutchman SP; Lynn Holland is hanging here
in VR Greenway couple more months...



Dates to Remember November

25-THANKSGIVINGDAY

December

3 - Volunteer meeting, Fri @10am
17 - Volunteer meeting, Fri @10am
16 - Christmas Party @ 6:00pm, Randall's
Restaurant
25 - CHRISTMAS - Santa Claus is comin to
town!!!!
31 - NEW YEARS EVE



December MileStones

2-Bill Warner	12-Trish Muchler
4-Susan Williamson	15-Wanda Ward
6-Barbara Penny	17-George Stolze
6-Frank Larramore	18-Nancy Hardy
7-Wayne Kemp	26-Rose Larramore
9-Laurie Blitsch	29-Miriam Sterling
10-Mary Soukup	30-Paul Grove



A Celebration of Life! What Dreams May Come!

Rebecca & I would like to express a sincere THANK-YOU to everyone who attended Nathan's first Birthday Party. He has been a true blessing to us both. I honestly never knew there was an empty void in my life, waiting to be filled, until he arrived. Nathaniel filled that spot for me. I wanted to share the following occurrences with you that announced his birth to us just over a year ago... Three days before Rebecca found out that she was pregnant, I dreamt that a large black raven flew down to me and handed me a boy covered in feathers. Strange enough I thought... The day Rebecca found out she was pregnant... I received a fortune cookie at our local Chinese restaurant. The front of my fortune said, "Your fortune is on its way!" I turned the fortune over and the back said: "Son". The very next morning my father called me from Pennsylvania and said, "Eric I had the *most amazing dream* last night! I dreamt that I was holding your baby son in my arms. The longer I held him, the more real the dream became." I said to my father, "Guess what dad?" "Don't tell me Rebecca's pregnant!" he said. The picture below is the gift I had designed for Nathan's very first birthday. It includes the front and back of the fortune, as well as a raven's feather, and a quote from the book titled: "The Mind of The Raven," "There are times when nature speaks just once, and it is a loss not to listen."

Thank-you again,
for celebrating the
birthday of our
son, Nathaniel.
He's very fortunate
to be among so
many genuine
people.



Rebecca, the party hostess, Mom.

Carol, I love getting the newsletter. Glad someone competent is doing it. Keep up the great work. One thing I'd don't enjoy is being the messenger by forwarding them to Bill. Would you be so gracious as to add him to your mailing list? His email address is ... I'll let you be the messenger. Ha! Fondly, John Hoopes

Thanks! Consider it done! Carolyn

Hi Eric, I can't believe Nathan is a year old now. Time flies. I am stationed in Kuwait at the Theatre Field Confinement Facility (brig). fun fun fun. I would love to get the newsletter over here. My address is: MA1 Rex, Elizabeth, TFCF, APO 09366.

I will try to take some pictures and send them to you. How is everyone at the park doing? I miss all of you and I really miss spending time at the park with Cisco. In February I take leave and I'm going to Europe. A guy I'm stationed with and I are going to visit the UK, Ireland and France for two weeks. I'm very excited. Then, when I get home in May I am going to drive around the U.S. and visit all the states (except for Alaska and Hawaii of course). I have been deployed since February so I will have two months of leave between my civilian job and the military. That should be enough time to drive around.

Well, talk to you later. Please say hi to everyone for me, Liz Rex



Nan's Notes: 10-27 Seriously, what is wrong with the above photo? It doesn't look like much, does it? But the temperature is in the 20s, the wind is blowing snow across the road, and we have to cross at least 2 passes to get out of here. And there is up to 2 feet of snow on the passes. Vail pass has been closed. We were going to try it today but no go. Snowed last night and the wind blew hard most of the night. We are hoping for some sun today to melt ice on roads so that we can try it tomorrow. There's no way we are going to drive our rig on ice and snow. I'm going to drive the car to make it a little easier on the passes. The shoulder is healing but it hurts more than I thought it would after nearly 4 weeks. Can't even start using my shoulder until after six weeks. Arm activity is from the elbow down. More therapy when we get to Arizona. The bicep muscle is tied up in knots, from the fibro. That isn't helping. Can't wait to get out of this cold!!!! Our motorhome wasn't made for this kind of weather. (Neither are we!) Going to be 7 degrees tonight.

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